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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 449

DATE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Handgun Licenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a person who wishes to obtain a license to carry a handgun to submit a credential size photograph of the person's face with the handgun license application. It specifies the size of a handgun license. The bill requires a handgun license to include the photograph of the person's face. It requires the Superintendent of State Police to prescribe specifications for the form of a handgun license.

Effective Date: June 1, 2002; January 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Fiscal Impact:* The State Police have estimated the cost of this proposal at \$134,858 for FY 2003, and \$130,379 for FY 2004. The State Police have reported that in order to fulfill the requirements of this proposal, they would need five additional employees for: 1) sorting the photos and placing them with the correct permit; 2) cutting and adhering photos; 3) lamination of the permits; and 4) hand stuffing envelopes. The State Police estimate 90,000 laminations per year at an annual cost of \$10,000.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of December 26, 2001, the State Police listed 207 full-time vacancies, with annual salaries for these positions totaling approximately \$5.1 M. The funds affected are the State General Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund, all of which support the State Police. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background Information: The State Police have issued or renewed, on average, approximately 79,000 personal protection licenses per year from 1996 through 2000. The proposal requires that the license be not more than 2¼ inches by 3½ inches, the current size of the Indiana Digitized Driver's license. The State Police

currently have on-line access through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to an individual's driver's license. The BMV produces the digitized driver's license for \$1.54 per license through a contract with the Polaroid Corporation. This contract is based on 1.6 million licenses/id cards per year. While the number of required licenses/ID cards is much more than ever would be needed for personal protection permits, the technology is available for further review and adaptation by the State Police. The State Police also have said that there are other methods to achieve the goals as contained in this proposal.

Also, the Department of Correction (DOC) has provided information about their ID system. The DOC effort consists of two systems: 1) full capture sites; and 2) remote sites. The difference is that the remote sites have the ability to capture demographics, digital photos, and electronic signatures, but do not have ID card printers. The systems consist of a standard PC with Windows 98 or 2000, Episuite software (which provides the means to capture demographics and to design card formats), a digital camera, an electronic signature pad, and an Eltron Model 240 ID card printer. The DOC further reports that the cost for a full site is approximately \$18,000, and \$5,400 for each remote site.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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